

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An image generation method for generating serial reproduction digital video data wherein still image data sets and/or digital video data sets are reproduced serially, the image generation method comprising the steps of:

receiving collective selection of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in predetermined recording units;

receiving input of order specifying conditions that determine the order in which the still image data sets and/or the digital video data sets are reproduced; and

generating the serial reproduction digital video data by arranging the selected still image data sets and/or digital video data sets based on the order specifying conditions;

arranging the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets that are received in predetermined recording units according to the order specifying conditions and storing the arranged still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in a folder; and

selecting said folder to begin said generating the serial reproduction digital video data.

2. (original): An image generation method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the predetermined recording unit is a folder storing the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

3. (previously presented): An image generation method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order specifying conditions are based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

4. (previously presented): An image generation method as defined in Claim 2, wherein the order specifying conditions are based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

5. (original): An image generation method as defined in Claim 3, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

6. (original): An image generation method as defined in Claim 4, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

7. (currently amended): An image generation apparatus for generating serial reproduction digital video data wherein still image data sets and/or digital video data sets are reproduced serially, the image generation apparatus comprising:
selection reception means for receiving collective selection of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in predetermined recording units;

order specifying condition reception means for receiving input of order specifying conditions that determine the order in which the still image data sets and/or the digital video data sets are reproduced; and

digital video data generation means for generating the serial reproduction digital video data by arranging the selected still image data sets and/or digital video data sets based on the order specifying conditions;

data set arranging means for arranging the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets that are received in predetermined recording units according to the order specifying conditions and storing the arranged still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in a folder;
and

folder selecting means for selecting said folder to begin said generating the serial reproduction digital video data.

8. (original): An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 7, wherein the predetermined recording unit is a folder storing the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

9. (previously presented): An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 7, wherein the order specifying conditions are based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

10. (previously presented): An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 8, wherein the order specifying conditions are based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

11. (original): An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

12. (original): An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 10, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

13. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium storing a program for causing a computer to generate serial reproduction digital video data wherein still image data sets and/or digital video data sets are reproduced serially, the computer-readable medium comprising:
means for receiving collective selection of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in predetermined recording units;

means for receiving input of order specifying conditions that determine the order in which the still image data sets and/or the digital video data sets are reproduced; and
means for generating the serial reproduction digital video data by arranging the selected still image data sets and/or digital video data sets based on the order specifying conditions;

means for arranging the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets that are received in predetermined recording units according to the order specifying conditions and storing the arranged still image data sets and/or digital video data sets in a folder; and
means for selecting said folder to begin said generating the serial reproduction digital video data.

14. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium storing a program as defined in Claim 13, wherein the predetermined recording unit is a folder storing the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

15. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium storing a program as defined in Claim 13, wherein the order specifying conditions are based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

16. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium storing a program as defined in Claim 14, wherein the order specifying conditions are based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

17. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium storing a program as defined in Claim 15, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

18. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium storing a program as defined in Claim 16, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

19. (previously presented): An image generation method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said order specifying conditions are input by a user.

20. (previously presented): An image generation apparatus as defined in Claim 7, wherein said order specifying conditions are input by a user.

21. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium storing a program as defined in Claim 13, wherein said order specifying conditions are input by a user.

22. (canceled).

23. (currently amended): An image generation method as defined in ~~Claim 22~~Claim 1, wherein the order specifying conditions are based on accompanying information attached to the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.

24. (previously presented): An image generation method as defined in Claim 23, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one item of information comprising the date and

time of photography, a file name, a photography location, and a data size regarding each of the still image data sets and/or digital video data sets.